

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line of the specification that follows the title the following paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(c) to European Application No. 01 105 172.9, filed March 2, 2001, the content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please amend the specification at page 8, lines 27-30, as follows:

For exact determination of homology and complementarity it is preferred to use suitable computer programs like FastA (Pearson and Lipman (~~Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85;~~ Lipman, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 85: 2444-2448 (1988); ~~Wisconsin Package~~^(TM) WISCONSIN PACKAGETM sequence analysis software version of FastA, default settings: wordsize 2(p-p), 6(n-n); Don't show scores whose E() value exceeds 10.0(p-p), 2.0(n-n)).